

Amendments to the specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 40, line 22 to page 41, line 9 as follows:

AI Subsequently, as the coordinate j is incremented, the coordinate i is successively varied from 0 to (I_0-1) so as to determine the presence/absence and the type of defect for each pixel at a coordinate position $(0-(I_0-1), j)$. The determination of the presence/absence and the type of defect for all the pixels is complete when $i+1$ is determined to be equal to (I_0-1) ("Yes" is given at step 110) while $j+1$ is determined to be equal to (J_0-1) ("Yes" is given at step 113). Then, the processor 15 reads out the type of defect of each pixel having a defect and the coordinate position thereof from the picture memory 11, and stores the data in the EEPROM 12 (step 117).